

REMARKS

The Examiner has requested a new Oath or Declaration pursuant to the pending chain of the present application. The Applicant's representative has made diligent efforts to contact the two previous inventors, who had signed the original Declaration and also who had assigned their rights in the patent and any applications related thereto to the assignee of the current application, Kerr Corporation. However, through those efforts, the inventors either refused to sign or could not be located. Included herewith is a copy of the Petition for Submission of a Declaration for a Pending Application on Behalf of Inventors Who Refuse to Sign and/or Cannot Be Reached. To that end, the Declaration has been signed by a specific representative of Kerr Corporation, Dr. Edward R. Shellard, who is President of Kerr Corporation. Dr. Shellard signed the Declaration on behalf of the inventors, and thus a newly-executed Declaration is now presented in the case. Applicant submits that, upon acting upon the Petition and acceptance of the Declaration, all issues in the case have been resolved and the case is in an allowable form. To that end, the Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is found that the present amendment does not place the application in a condition for allowance, Applicant's undersigned attorney

requests that the examiner initiate a telephone interview to expedite prosecution of the application.

Applicant submits herewith \$1,590.00 to cover the cost of a four-month extension of time. Applicant does not believe that any other fees are due in connection with this response. However, if such petition is due or any fees are necessary, the Commissioner may consider this to be a request for such and charge any necessary fees to deposit account 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kurt A. Summe", written over a horizontal line.

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